

"A Bit of England on the Shores of the Pacific"

Victoria, British Columbia

Holly, Laurel, Sweet Briar, Roses,
and all Shrubs, Plants and Flowers
that are peculiar to England are to
be found in great profusion around
Victoria; and all the favorite and
popular Sports of the "Old Land,"
Cricket, Football, Tennis,
Golf, Rowing, Sailing, Fly
Fishing, as well as the
Canadian and American
National Games, are freely
indulged in by residents and visitors.
All visitors to the Pacific Coast
should not fail to spend some time in
this interesting city.

No hot summers • No hard winters

The A. Y. P. Exposition, Seattle,
1909, four hours sail from Victoria,
B. C.

IMPRESSIONS VICTORIA



BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.

The "Empress" City
of the Golden West

A Picture Gallery

OF SOME BEAUTY SPOTS OF
VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA,

As Caught by the Camera

FROM NATURE, WHICH HELP TO
CREATE THE IMPRESSIONS CARRIED
AWAY BY OUR VISITORS

SOME of these impressions are printed with these original photographs for the purpose of drawing attention to the climate, natural scenery and general attractiveness of Victoria as a residential city and sea-side resort, and to its splendid future as a commercial city and port. The official records of the temperature and precipitation for 1906, which appear on the next page, are very interesting.

Facts About Victoria Climate.

The general style of this little book does not permit of the following tables appearing in the body of the book, where they more properly belong. However, the figures given are most valuable and should be studied by all who are not satisfied with their present home city and to whom a perfect climate appeals.

The following comparisons are interesting:

The absolute maximum and minimum surface temperatures of the following cities of North America for 1905, as reported in the United States weather bureau summary for that year, are as follows:

	Highest.	Lowest.
Victoria	84	27
Winnipeg	87	-39
Toronto	92	6
Montreal	87	-12
Sydney	88	-13
Boston	94	3
New York	95	0
Washington, D. C.	95	-2
Atlanta, Ga.	93	3
New Orleans	95	18
Oklahoma	88	-11
Phoenix, Arizona	116	25
St. Louis, Mo.	96	-18
Chicago	95	-18
Salt Lake City	97	-4
Sacramento	110	18
Portland, Ore.	99	17
Seattle	90	20

The following table gives the absolute rain and snow fall in inches during the year 1905 in eight cities in various parts of the world:

	Rain.	Snow.
Victoria	23	5
Winnipeg	16	42
Montreal	25	130
Sydney	36	125
Boston	28	45
New York	38	58
Washington, D. C.	47	41
Norfolk, Va.	31	12

The following table gives the rain and snow fall in Victoria for each month of 1905 and 1906, the figures being compiled by Mr. E. Baynes Reed, of the Dominion Government Meteorological Office, Victoria:

Month.	1905		1906	
	Rain	Snow	Rain	Snow
January	2.89	4.50	2.27	2.90
February	2.27	...	1.66	...
March	1.39	...	.67	...
April .....	.21	...	.46	...
May	2.81	...	1.81	...
June	1.06	...	.65	...
July .....	.10	...	.16	...
August	1.21	...	.53	...
September	4.03	...	3.14	...
October	2.81	...	5.60	...
November .....	.91	...	6.13	...
December	2.82	...	3.82	.30
Totals	22.51	4.50	26.90	3.20
Total rain and snow.	22.96		27.22	



Victoria Public Library and Reading Room

VICTORIA'S PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

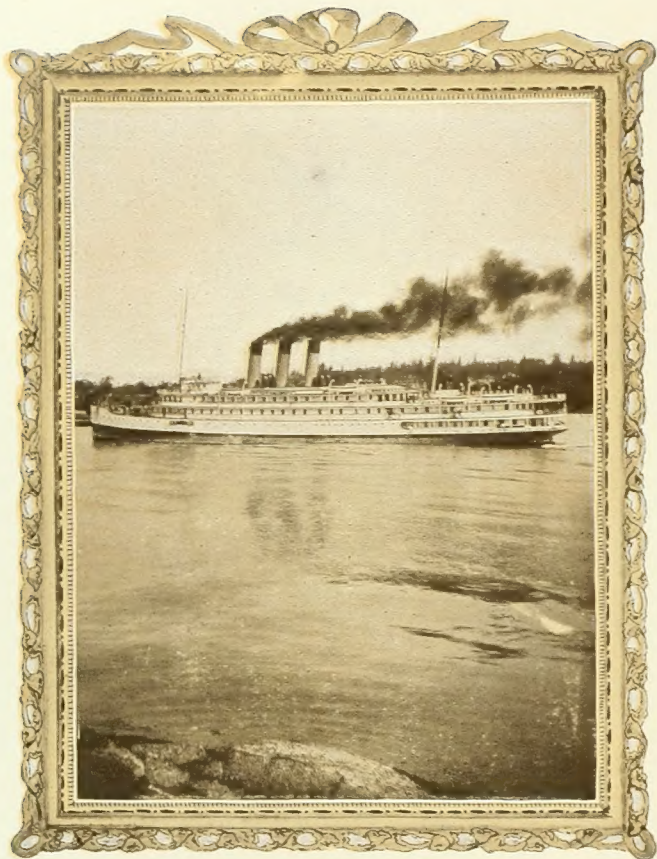
The City has every reason to be proud of her public buildings. There is a church of almost every denomination in the city. The Public Schools, Law Courts, Banks, Post Office and Library will compare favourably with those in cities twice its size. The Parliament Buildings are unexcelled on the continent. In these buildings the Government maintains three excellent museums, of one of which Mr. Grant Balfour has the following to say in the *Toronto Globe*: "We spent hours in the Museum of the natural history of British Columbia looking at the wild beasts and birds, fishes, butterflies and moths. There was also a splendid collection of Indian curiosities."



Entrance Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C.

VICTORIA IS THE CAPITAL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

It has a population of 30,000, owns its own lighting plant and waterworks, and is in every way a modern city, and the leading tourist resort and residential city on the North Pacific Coast. It has an excellent sewerage system (separate) which gravitates to the beach, the outlet being well out at sea. It is one of the healthiest cities in the world, the deaths from zymotic diseases, typhoid and scarlet fever included, being only six for the entire city for 1906. There are few cities in the West that can boast of finer business houses than Victoria, her retail stores being equal to those of any city three times her size.



S. S. Princess Victoria Leaving Victoria Harbor

THE STEAMERS CONNECTING VICTORIA WITH THE MAINLAND.

Are amongst the fastest in the world. The palatial S.S. Princess Victoria makes a daily round trip in summer between Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver, and the Alaska Steamship Co. also maintains a service between Seattle and Victoria. The sail on these inland seas is a glorious one.

"Victoria is screened from view until the steamer rounding a promontory drops almost suddenly into the spacious harbor, shipping and warehouses, villas along the shore and wooded heights, lofty churches and public buildings, and towering above all the noble pile of the new Parliament Building, the finest in Canada, all come into view with startling suddenness as the steamer glides smoothly into the deep pellucid basin."
—Leeds & York Mercury.



The C. P. R. Docks, Victoria, B. C.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF VICTORIA.

The above picture is taken from the Parliament Buildings looking down upon the C. P. R. steamboat landing and docks. The steamships that connect Victoria with the Mainland of British Columbia and the United States at Vancouver City and Seattle respectively discharge their passengers here, probably the only capital in the world where passengers are landed practically at the doors of the House of Parliament. This has always left a lasting and pleasing impression of Victoria upon visitors.

"I never saw anything anywhere to equal the view of the approach to Victoria harbor on the evening of one of the most perfect days of my memory."
—Member of British Editors' Delegation. Interview
Winnipeg Free Press.



VICTORIA'S UNSURPASSED FACILITIES AS A CONVENTION CITY.

During the past five years many conventions have met in Victoria, and it is expected that, after the new million-dollar tourist hotel is opened (July, 1907), the city will be still more popular in this regard. The above picture is a photograph of the members of the Provincial Mining Convention taking a drive in winter in the month of February. There are 45 carriages in line.



Motoring, Beacon Hill Park Victoria, Feb. 16th

A WINTER'S SPIN IN BEACON HILL PARK.

The roads around Victoria are unsurpassed in the West for motoring and driving, the Park, of course, always coming in for special attention.

"Beacon Hill Park is a fine undulating pleasure ground of 300 acres, wood and meadow, with artificial lakes and a collection of beasts and birds. Like the Old Home, "when we walked through that park in the afternoon and down to and along the beach beside the strait, it was so much like an English scene that, considering also the equable climate, we felt if we ever made a change we should wish our home to be in Victoria."—Grant Balfour, in the *Toronto Globe*.



A Cozy Corner in the Gorge Park, Victoria, B. C.

THE MOST POPULAR RESORT.

The Gorge is one of Victoria's most popular Beauty Spots. As a resort for "young men and maidens" it has no equal on the Pacific Coast. It can be reached by row boat, motor launch, driving, automobile or by the Electric Street Railway. The latter company has recently purchased a beautiful natural park adjoining the Gorge and is spending a large amount of money in laying out summer pleasure grounds. This year a new Japanese Tea Garden, which will be an exact reproduction of "a bit of Japan," will be added. The City Council has also purchased a large amount of water frontage on the other side of the Gorge for park purposes.



VICTORIA'S NEWEST RECREATION GROUND FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

The new Park at the Gorge, opened last year by the Electric Railway Company, is a great addition to the attractions of Victoria, being situated on an arm of the sea sheltered from all prevailing winds, provided with pavilions, bathing facilities and amusements for children and young people.



A Typical Victoria Home

A CITY OF HOMES.

The most important consideration in selecting a place of residence or a resort for a vacation, no matter what other attractions a city may have, is undoubtedly weather conditions. There is not a climate in the world to surpass that of Victoria. Never enervating, always invigorating, an average daily sunshine of seven hours for six months in the year, with a temperature rarely over 80° in summer and an average of 38° in winter, long and delightful evenings, just cool enough for a light covert coat, the air always charged with ozone from the sea which almost surrounds us, and the magnificent mountains opposite, it is, indeed, as near perfect as possible.



"Craigdarroch," Residence of Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir

HOW VICTORIA IMPRESSES VISITORS.

"Never in the environs of any other city have I seen such a glory of flowers as surrounded each of these lovely homes."—E. F. Knight, in the London Morning Post.

"I never saw anything anywhere to equal the view of the approach to Victoria Harbour on the evening of one of the most perfect days in my memory."—Member of British Editors' Delegation. Interview Winnipeg Free Press.

"* * * I cannot tell you what they gave me to eat, because I was always staring out of the window at the view. There may be lovelier cities than Victoria in the world, but it has never been my luck to see them."—Charles Hanbury-Williams, in Blackwood's Magazine.



THE NEW MILLION-DOLLAR HOTEL, THE EMPRESS

Just completed by the C. P. R., is at the left of the above picture. It will equal any high class tourist hotel on this continent in all its appointments, while its service will not be surpassed by that of any of this Company's existing hotels, which have a world-wide reputation. The above is one of the finest public squares on this continent.



Returning from a Day's Cruise, Victoria, B. C.

ONE OF THE DELIGHTS OF VICTORIA.

"One Saturday, an ideal day, we cruised the live long day on the placid waters of the Strait of Georgia, in and out among the many islands, until when night came we had covered over a hundred miles. Night! What a charming night and what scenery!"

"As the sun was going to rest back of the mighty Olympics, the moon made its appearance from back of the rugged Cascades, as if these two great orbs were playing hide and seek with each other, and as we were still gazing from the deck of the boat, the beauty of the scene was greatly enhanced by the lordly Mount Baker appearing in full view, covered with its snowy mantle.

* * * This picture, painted so vividly upon the soul's canvas, will never be effaced."—Mrs. Warman, in the Oskaloosa Saturday Globe, Iowa.



Cherries as They Grow In Victoria, B. C.

FRUIT CULTURE

in and around Victoria is a most profitable as well as a most interesting and pleasant occupation. Apples, pears, plums, cherries, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, Logan berries and all such fruits grow to the utmost perfection in the districts tributary to the city, and there is a good market for five times as much as can be produced at good prices. There is no more ideal life than to own an orchard or even a poultry farm in the neighbourhood of this beautiful city. There are most excellent opportunities of making a splendid income from either and there is no chance at present of too much competition. Further information will gladly be furnished to those who desire it.



ONE OF THE MANY PASTORAL SCENES NEAR VICTORIA.

Dairying is one of the most profitable industries in the districts around Victoria. The Co-operative Creameries take all the cream of the district and pay to the farmers from 24 to 28 cents a pound for their butter. The shares in these creameries are owned by the farmers themselves.



Section of Challoner & Mitchell's Jewelry Store

ELEGANT RETAIL STORES.

Victoria is a rich community. Its retail stores are far and away superior to those of other cities anything like her own size. Challoner & Mitchell's Jewelry Store is one of the finest on the Pacific Coast, and yet it is as easy to buy a twenty-five-cent article as it is to purchase a ten thousand dollar diamond tiara. This store would be a credit to any city. The firm employs a large force of manufacturing jewellers and watchmakers and at the same time imports all the newest things in jewellery, artistic china, bronzes and articles of virtu that are to be found in the markets of Europe. Visitors to the city are made very welcome by the firm whether they desire to purchase or not.



The Oak Bay Hotel, Victoria, B. C.

AN OLD COUNTRY INN ON THE PACIFIC.

Situated in one of the most beautiful spots on earth the "Oak Bay," under the skilful management of the proprietor, Mr. J. A. Virtue, is unique on the Pacific Coast. It is more like a private club in its service, and, in appearance, like an Old Country seaside Inn.

It is the rendezvous of the members of the Golf Club, whose magnificent links are within a few minutes walk of the hotel. The charming hostelry was built in 1905 to replace Mr. Virtue's former hotel at which H. R. H. the Prince of Wales made his home in Victoria a few years ago. The Electric Railway connects this charming hotel and suburb with the city.



The Dallas Hotel, Victoria, B. C.

ONLY SEASIDE HOTEL IN THE CITY.

Victoria has practically two harbours—the Inner and the Outer, or the Ocean Docks. Overlooking the latter and commanding a beautiful view is “The Dallas,” one of the most comfortable hotels in the west. It has the honor of having entertained more titled guests during the past few years than any other hotel in the city. Mr. Wm. Patterson, the proprietor, has established an enviable reputation for his thoughtful consideration for the welfare of his guests. The hotel is twenty minutes walk along the cliffs by the sea shore from the Public Park and fifteen minutes from the Post Office. The electric car is one minute’s walk from the hotel; cars run into the city in about seven minutes. The rates are from \$2.50 a day, American plan.



Social Hall, King Edward Hotel, Victoria, B. C.

THE KING EDWARD HOTEL.

There is no city on the continent the size of Victoria that can provide as good hotel accommodation as Victoria at the same rates. The “King Edward” is comparatively a new hotel. It was opened about three years ago and very handsomely furnished, everything being entirely new. This year about thirty new rooms have been added to accommodate its largely increased business. It is in the centre of the city and is under the management of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hamilton. The rates are from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per day, American plan. The service has given every satisfaction to the large number of tourists and commercial men who have been its guests.



The Driard Hotel

A FAMOUS HOSTELRY.

The history of the Driard Hotel has been very much interwoven with that of Victoria. The old Driard was one of the most famous hotels on the Pacific Coast and had a reputation that has rarely been surpassed. It was replaced by the present splendid structure about fourteen years ago and, like its predecessor, has always been the first class hotel of the city. During the spring of this year, 1907, it passed into the hands of Mr. Van-Decar, who is determined to give such a service as to warrant a continuance of its old-time reputation and to make it even more popular with the travelling public. It is conducted strictly upon the American plan. It is in the very heart of the city and adjoins the Victoria Opera House.



*Victoria Transfer Co's 6-Horse Tally ho in the Park,
Victoria, B. C.*

HOW TO SEE AND ENJOY VICTORIA.

There is always some one thing to do in a city more than another. In Victoria it is to drive. If you wish to see Victoria's beautiful homes at their best take the Victoria Transfer Company's Tally-ho—six horses—so that you have a chance to see over the handsome hedges into the most delightful grounds that surround each of these lovely homes. If you wish to take one of the very many and varied drives into the charming country immediately around the city the company will supply you at a very moderate cost with any kind of a livery turnout you may desire, or with a hack. But no matter how you drive—drive. This year the company has made extensive purchases of livery and riding horses, and also of new buggies and hacks.

An Era of Great Prosperity

Is now being experienced in Victoria. Probably this is because the people of other centres are gradually learning something of the great attractiveness of living in Victoria and because Vancouver Island, upon which it is situated, is, for the first time, on the eve of exploitation and development. Here, it may be as well to point out the actual geography of Victoria, Vancouver Island and Vancouver City, and their relation one to another. They are all in, and part of, the Province of British Columbia, the greatest of all the Canadian Provinces. But Vancouver City is not Vancouver Island, neither is it upon, or part of, the Island. Victoria, besides being the Capital of the Province, is the chief city on the Island and the base for all supplies and the centre of all financial enterprises relative to its development.

The Island of Vancouver is larger than the kingdom of Ireland and almost as large as England. It has all the potential wealth that made England "the workshop of the world." Its almost limitless undeveloped riches in iron, coal, copper, timber and fisheries are practically untouched, while its agricultural and horticultural possibilities are only just beginning to be appreciated.

During the past year capitalists—and particularly the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., which owns one and a half million acres of land on the Island—are considering huge schemes for the development of its resources and for attracting bona fide settlers with some means to engage in fruit growing and kindred pursuits.

An Important Industrial Centre.

Victoria, being the principal city on the Island, with a reputation of having the finest climate and scenery in the world, with many large commercial firms and manufacturing concerns, is naturally looked upon by investors and business men as affording a most excellent opportunity for the profitable investment of capital. More real estate has changed hands and more general business has been transacted during the past nine months than at any time in the history of the City. There have been no failures and there are no unemployed.

But Victoria is not depending entirely upon the trade of the Island for its future, because she has always commanded a very big trade in the interior of the Mainland of British Columbia and an excellent export business. It is, therefore, not difficult to understand why such an era of prosperity has dawned upon her.

Hotel Accommodation.

Victoria has as good hotel accommodation as any city of its size in Canada. There are also a number of excellent boarding houses. Hotel rates range from \$1.00 to \$5.00 a day (American plan). Boarding houses, from \$6.00 to \$12.00 per week.

The Canadian Pacific Railway will open this year one of the most palatial tourist hotels in the world in the heart of the City of Victoria to accommodate the ever increasing number of visitors to this delightful city.

A larger work, entitled "An Outpost of Empire," is also issued, containing much useful information. Copies will be mailed to any address upon application.

This booklet has been compiled for the Development and Tourist Association by Herbert Cuthbert, Secretary. The printing is from the presses of THOS. R. CUSACK, Victoria; the half-tone engravings are by the B. C. Engraving Co., Victoria, and the photographs are chiefly by Fleming Bros., Victoria.

VICTORIA'S

Residential, Commercial and
Industrial Advantages.

"The Finest residential city in America."

The Pacific Gateway to Canada and the
nearest British port to the Orient.

All her industries are flourishing.

A perfect climate. The most sunshine;
least rainfall, coolest summer and warmest
winter temperature north of San Francisco.

Has the reputation of being the most
beautifully situated city in the world.

The Public Schools are as efficient as
any in America.

A resort for health and pleasure.

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"The Ever Green City of Canada."

Victoria has facilities for repairing the
largest steamers and sailing ships at the
least cost of any port on the Pacific Coast.

The centre of the best fruit growing,
dairy farming and poultry raising country
in Western Canada.

There is a need for more capital in
existing industries and for the establishment
of new ones.

The centre of the greatest Tourist busi-
ness in Canada.

A paradise for young people.

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